power stations have been affected to some extent this year due to power disruptions and very heavy rains resulting in lower production coupled with agitations and adverse law and order situation.

(b) The present monthly linkage of coal for the thermal power stations of Tamil Nadu for quarter October-December' 90 is as under:

(In lakh tonnes per month)

Ennore	1.9
Tuticorin	2.6
Mettur	2.5

(c) Steps have been taken to improve coal supplies to the various power stations of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, include sanction of linkages as per requirement of generation, augmentation of supplies from Coal India sources and constant monitoring of coal despatches.

(d)Coal production and despatches have improved significantly in recent months. Hence import of coal for power houses is not being permitted.

Finalisation of site for setting up IIT in Assam

308. DR NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the alternative site identified by the Assam Government for setting up the proposed IIT has been finalised; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, by when it is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b) No Sir. It is too early to indicate the time by when the site would be finalised for establishment of IIT in Assam.

Framing of duty roster of airhostesses in Indian Airlines

309. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) with what motive the Indian Airlines frame the duty roster in such a way that airhostesses based at one particular reion are made to halt for one or more nights at different regions even though such eventuality could be easily avoided by a more thoughtful framing of the duty roster;

(b) whether Government propose to direct the Indian Airlines to frame the duty roster in such a manner whereby the female crew are not detained for night halts at regions different from their base; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) Duty roster of airhostesses is drawn up according to operational requirements, keeping in view the Flight and Duty Time limitations. Night halts at outstations therefore becomes unavoidable in some cases.

(b) and (c) It is not practicable to eliminate completely night halts at outstations in view of the operational requirements. Government do not therefore consider it necessary to give any direction in this regard to the Indian Airlines.

Setting up of Central University in Assam

310. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Central University in Assam; and

(b) if so, by when the Bill for the purpose is likely to be introduced in Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b) Legislation for establishment of a Central University in Assam was enacted in May 1989. However it has not been possible to notify the date of commencement of the Assam University Act, 1989 due to the controversy regarding location of the University.

Theft of idols/Antiques from the protected Monuments and Museums

311. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made by the Archaeological Survey of India to ascertain the annual percentage of rise/fall in the theft of idols from protected monuments and museums in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the protected monuments and the museums which have shown the highest number of thefts of idols and the States in which these are located and the estimated value of the idols/antiques stolen in each case;

(c) whether a Central Investigating Unit (Antiques) in the CBI was created in 1974;

(d) whether any review of its effectiveness or otherwise has been made by Government;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) what steps have been taken by Government to prevent thefts of idols/antiques from the protected monuments and the museums in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN) (a) and (b) In the absence of any set pattern or trend in the occurance of theft of idols, no such survey is called for. However, Archaeological Survey of India maintains record of all theft of idols that occur in the centrally protected monuments and archeological site museums under its control. A review of the figures for the last 5 years beginning 1986, as furnished below, indicates that only one case of thefts of idols has taken place in the archaeological museum at Nagarjunakonda in 1990 and that the theft of idols from the centrally protected monuments is generally on the decline. Some of these have been recovered.

Year	No. of theft	No. of idols involved
1986	8	15
1987	6	8
1988	5	10
1989	8	14
1990	5	13

(In the last 5 years, 3 cases of theft of idols have taken place in the ancient ruins and structural remains, Krishnavilas, Kota, Rajasthan, one in each year i.e. 1987, 1988 and 1990 involving one idol on each occasion, which represents the highest number of theft of idols in one monument.

There are no set norms on which valuation of idols/antiques can be fixed. As such, it has not been found feasible to fix the value of each and every idol/antique unless such idols/antiques are physically examined for the specific purpose of valuation by the experts in the field. As such, the estimated value cannot be indicated.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No such review has been undertaken.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The steps that have been taken by the Government to prevent thefts of idols/antiques from the protected monuments and museums are indicated below: